

The Humans Right's Violation Damaging Pakistan's Image.***By: Nameera Ayaz.*****Introduction:**

“Man is born free, but is everywhere in chains”¹. These lines are enough to manifest the motive of my script. Human rights are the basic rights given to every individual from birth till death regardless of any discrimination. It is very clear that the protection of human rights can solve several problems exists in any nation or a society. The world has united on the issue of human rights because the world would be a terrible place if people don't follow the simple rules of protecting the human being and their rights. Even though the United Nation has formed the “Human Rights Charter” to assure the protection of human beings. In Pakistan, the condition is getting worse every passing day. The issue and its causes are going to be discussed in this script.

Violation Of Human Rights In Pakistan:

Pakistan cannot be prosperous until it's citizens are not given the fundamental rights with equality. It is our unfortunate that all the elected leaders and all the ex-government of Pakistan have failed in establishing the system of providing the basic rights to its people. Many efforts have been made to both at a national and international level to provide and protect human rights, but, still, number-of-people are deprived of their fundamental rights. Pakistan is no exception. Unemployment, education criteria, freedom of thought and expression, women and child security become a rare commodity. People cannot enjoy their lives as per their desires. They cannot move freely due to the fear of snatching or get looted, fear of terrorist attacks, harassment issues. Peoples are not provided with clean water, pure and healthy food products. Whereas, in the constitution of Pakistan, it is written to ensure the provision of equal rights and protection but, the implementation has not been seen in the last 8 to 10 years. The most serious, sensitive and major concerns are as follows:

Child Abuse:

The worst form of violation of human's rights in Pakistan is the child abuse. It is a toxin in a society which has engulfed thousands of children in every region of Pakistan. According to a media report, 3,345 child abuse cases have been filed last year.² Other than that, this year from January to June 2,322 cases of child abuse was reported. When such incident occurs so many speeches are made for assuring the public that their children will be protected & announces compensation for the victim or his family, but unluckily the ministers and their ministries do not work according to their statements. This problem would not be solved until the offenders are not given the exemplary punishment. Strict law and order need to be formulated as soon as possible as the case is showing a negative picture of Pakistan to the world.

¹[https://books.google.com.pk/books?id=E7m_rroduGUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Human+Rights+in+Islam+\(book\)](https://books.google.com.pk/books?id=E7m_rroduGUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Human+Rights+in+Islam+(book))

² <https://dailytimes.com.pk/277623/human-rights-in-pakistan/>

Education System:

Moreover, the other issue in Pakistan which is against the human right is the un-equality in the education system. Education for all (EFA) is a movement led by the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization), aiming to meet the learning needs of all children, youth and adults. Pakistan is also a member but an opposite situation is seen in our country that all the elite classes are well educated and the general public is neglected at a very large scale. Especially, the women are deprived of the education right. Literacy rate in Pakistan is more among the men as compared to the women. The condition is too bad in the rural areas where the education is said to be a curse for women and if someone tries to educate their girls, then, the incident of honour killing takes place.³ Though, the least developed countries have better education criteria than Pakistan. It is important to understand that if equal rights are given to the women then our country will go to the path of prosperity and progress because when a woman is educated so many positive impacts can be seen in that particular society, just like the western countries.

Gender Discrimination:

Gender discrimination is another thing to discuss under the violation of human rights. Nowadays, it has become common in our society that women are less competent and hardworking than men. Gender discrimination, honor killing, rape cases and forced marriage are usually happens in the rural areas where the members of the family are bound by their traditions and culture that has been taught by their ancestors and were prescribed by them to maintain their practices (not educating their girls more than the fourth standard, do not give freedom to their women, do not let them go out of their houses etc). The proper education system and awareness programs will help people in eradicating this evil from the society.

Freedom to Act:

Freedom of speech, religion, thought and expression is a major problem. In Pakistan, a common man cannot raise his voice against the one who has bereaved him from his right, If he does, so he will be threatened or being killed. Similarly, the freedom of the press is also a serious concern. Pakistan is said to be the worst country to be a journalist in. Because raising voice against any powerful party is seems to be the most risk-taking and dangerous act for the life of a journalist as the power has always been misused in our country.⁴

Last but not least, the issue of caste and status. There are several regional castes in Pakistan such as Mahajir, Punjabi, Sindhi, Balochi, pakhtun etc. Pakistan has been in the hands of Punjabi and Sindhi majority from its inception. So, all the luxuries of life (job, property, wealth) are given to them and people from outer caste are not allowed to achieve the similar status or class just because they do not have recognition and power. These are not the end of deprivation of rights of the people in Pakistan but if strategies are made to cope up with such problems then our country will be count among the countries where people live their life freely and without any dominance.

³ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/309542-pakistan-s-literacy-rate-stands-at-58pc>

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_rights_in_Pakistan

Initiatives to Protect Human Rights:

1. **Educating the people:** It is very obvious that education is the first step to aware people and let them know the rights of human being. It can be done by setting up programs with a professional team who will teach people to live their life according to their wish.
2. **Establishment of organizations to report violation case:** it will help the people to report their complains and problems which they face in using their rights. So, that they will feel secure and the violator would be warned for bereaving people from their rights.⁵
3. **Ensure media freedom:** State security forces should be appointed for ending the killing, threatening and other abuses on the members of media. They should be allowed with the freedom of report in the country without fear of expulsion.⁶
4. **Strict formation of laws:** Government of Pakistan should form the significant law for human rights to make boundaries for the violators and oblige them to follow the rules and should plan the punishment or in case of violation the exemplary punishments should be
5. **Proper implementation of the law:** it is also mandatory to implement the law and order. Although our constitution contains the charter of human rights but the negligence of our government bodies, the citizens are not restricted to follow the rules. The rights that are in the policy or in the constitution written in the paper are not given to the people in real life.
6. **Embrace the duty to protect and promote human rights:** it is not only limited to the governments or states but being individual it is our duty to protect our family, friend and people in the neighbourhood. One may also contribute to maintaining an environment in which human rights are protected, respected and promoted.
7. **Protect religious minorities:** Minorities in Pakistan are ignored since a very long period of time. The humanitarian rights are equal for all so government should give them relief because they got targeted several of time and many of them were killed which leads to the violence and shows a negative image of our country and the non-Muslims feel insecure and starts migrating towards the other states where they will be given their rights.
8. **Protect women's rights:** poor enforcement of laws leads towards the deprivation of women rights. Young girls in Pakistan are confronting with the violence against the rights including rape, honour killing, acid attacks, domestic violence and forced marriages. These sorts of problem are taking us far away from modernization and social mobility. A fair policy should be planned for the protection of women it can be done by setting up agenda for women empowerment, declaring education as a compulsory section for girls, by promoting women rights in economical, political and educational field.⁷

⁵ <https://www.wikihow.com/Take-Steps-to-Protect-Human-Rights>

⁶ <https://www.hrw.org/news/2013/08/23/10-steps-improving-human-rights-pakistan>

⁷ <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Events/WHRD/WomenRightsAreHR.pdf>

▪ **Basic Rights for the Citizens:**

- **The Right to Life:** the first right for any human is to live independently, fearlessly and a respectful life. The Holy Qur'an lays down:

“Whosoever kills a human being (without a reason like) manslaughter or corruption on earth, it is though he had killed whole mankind”⁸

So, it is easy to understand that protection of a human being is a necessary thing.

- **Protection of religion and religious practices:** no one should be forcibly persuaded to attend any religious ceremony or religious worships relates to the religion other than his own. He should be given the right to practice his religion with the freedom.
- **Right to Education:** everyone should be provided for compulsory education regardless of any discrimination. So, that the youth would be able to proceed in practical life for the prosperity of their country.
- **Respect and right to women and children:** women should be provided with all the necessities of life. They should be given the free hand through the law so that they will be able to take action against the violator in case of insecurity and exploitation.⁹
- **Provision of Basic Needs:** All the citizens should be provided with the basic needs of life such as water, food and shelter.

There are many other fundamental rights but if just these five are provided to every human than a positive change will occur.

Human right's ministry has never done their work in Pakistan for the protection of our rights. Even the government of Pakistan has not executed their plans for protecting their citizens. It has now become a top-notch issue which is destroying our youth and damaging our society. The government of Pakistan and most importantly our respected Prime Minister Imran Khan should make initiatives to overcome all the problems of violation against human rights.

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